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When America Chavez's super hero mothers sacrificed their lives to save their home dimension, the Utopian Parallel, young America knew she needed to live up to their example. America fell to Earth and became the portal-punching, dimension-shattering, super-strong hero she was born to be.
America's powers are fritzing with no warning. But that hasn't stopped her from dropping everything to tackle a mysterious force-field in New York City—and discovering a threatening note left by the person who created it. The note warns America to keep an eye on her family... but wait, what family?
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I WARNED YOU, CAMILO!
DON'T. MESS. WITH MY FAMILY--
POW
HEY, HEY, AMERICA!!! WHOA!
Washington Heights. Ten years ago.
FREAK!!!
WHAT'S GOING ON, SIS?
BERTO! YOU DON'T EVEN KNOW...
WE SHOWED OUR FAMILY TREES IN CLASS TODAY...
...AND CAMILO AND HIS FRIENDS SAID MINE WASN'T...
...REAL.
HEY. THOSE KIDS DON'T KNOW ANYTHING.
YOU'RE A SANTANA, AS MUCH AS ME OR MAMI Y PAPI. NOW LET ME SEE THAT TREE.
I BET IT'S AWESOME.
YOU KNOW IT IS.

AMERICA... WHAT...IS THIS?
THE UTOPIAN PARALLEL
DEMIURGE
GRANDMA
Me
Amalia Chavez
Elena Chavez
My family Tree
FOR SO LONG, I COULDN'T REMEMBER WHAT HAPPENED BEFORE THE BEACH. WHERE I WAS, WHO I WAS WITH.
BUT NOW I CAN.
I REMEMBER MY REAL PARENTS.
"WHERE'S YOUR FAMILY? EVERYBODY OKAY?"

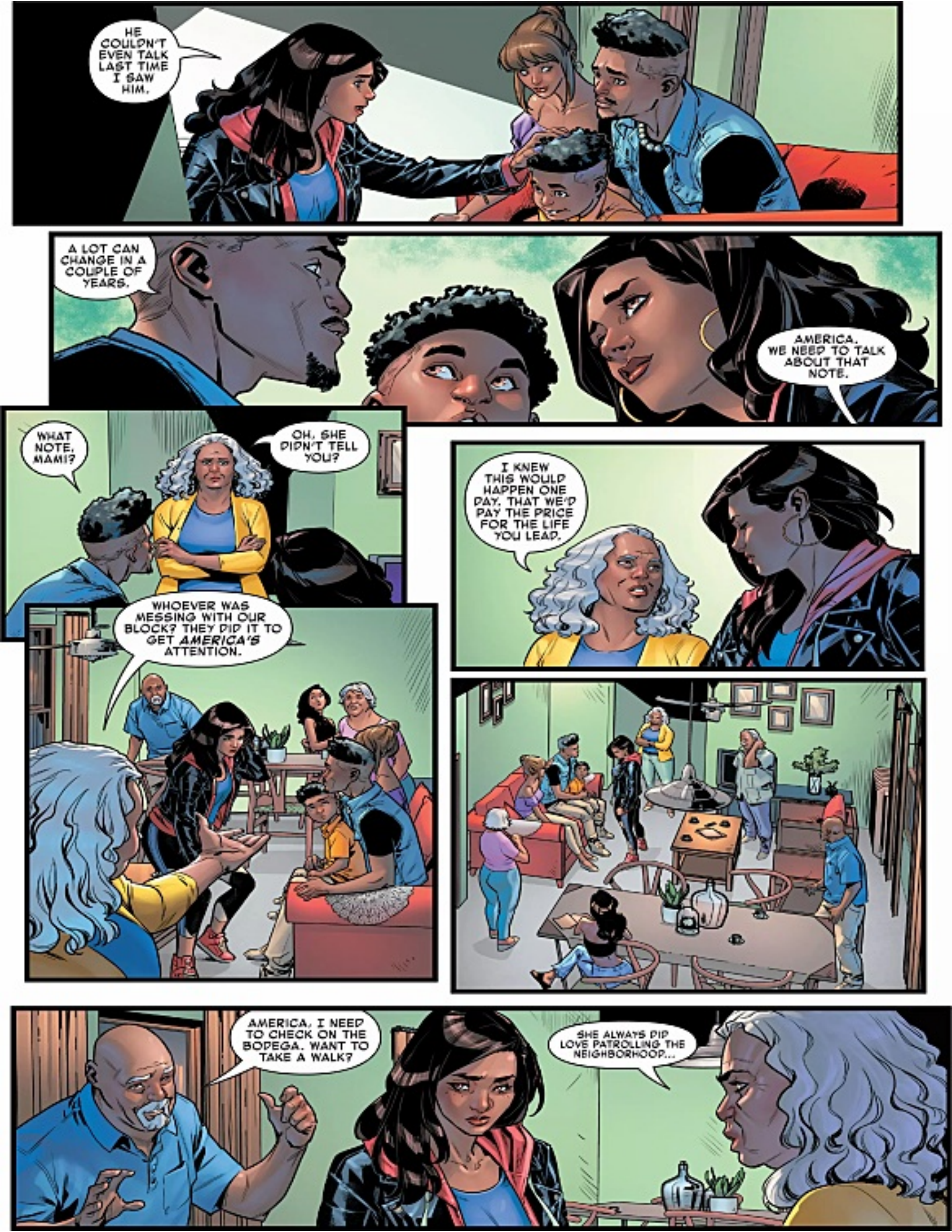
Washington Heights. Now.
THANKFULLY. YEAH, THEY'RE AT MY TÍA MARTA'S HOUSE.
OH, GOOD.
NOT TO GET TOO PERSONAL, BUT...
I THOUGHT YOU WERE FROM SOME PLACE CALLED "THE PARALLEL UTOPIAN"--
--UTOPIAN PARALLEL. AND THAT WAS BEFORE THE SANTANAS ADOPTED ME.
NOT YOU, DUMMY.
THE LOOTERS.
BODEGA SANTANA
GUESS SOME PEOPLE JUST DON'T KNOW WHEN TO QUIT...
OH, MY B, DIDN'T MEAN TO PRY--
WERE LOOTERS THIS STUBBORN...
...IN THAT PARALLELOGRAM PLACE?
IT WAS A UTOPIA...THERE WERE NO LOOTERS.

I'LL SAY THIS MUCH-- YOUR WEBS COME IN HANDY.
I'LL BE INTRODUCING THESE GENTLEMEN TO LAW ENFORCEMENT.
GOOD LUCK FINDING THEM. COPS NEVER CAME THIS FAR UPTOWN WHEN I WAS A KID.
I'LL TRACK 'EM DOWN.
YOU SHOULD GO CHECK ON YOUR FAMILY.
THEY MUST BE PSYCHED YOU'RE BACK IN TOWN.
WE'LL SEE.
YOU SHOULD KEEP A CLOSER EYE ON YOUR FAMILY, AMERICA
...MY MOMS SACRIFICED THEMSELVES TO SAVE EVERYONE. THEY WERE HEROES.
AND ONE DAY, I'M GONNA BE JUST LIKE THEM.
THAT'S VERY ADMIRABLE, AMERICA.
YOUR MOTHERS SOUND LIKE AMAZING ROLE MODELS.
THEY WERE.

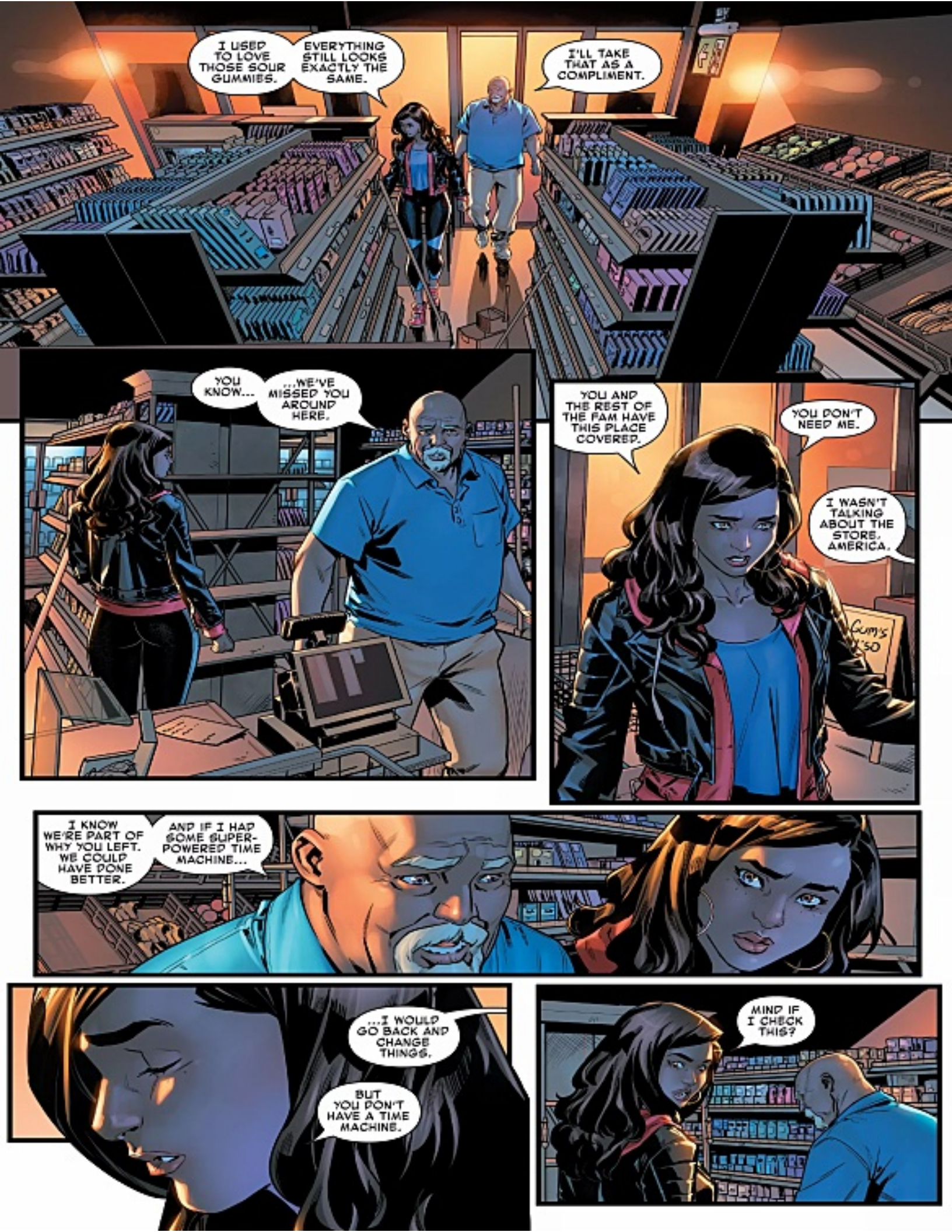
YOU SAID EARLIER THAT YOUR MEMORIES CAME BACK ALL AT ONCE.
...DO YOU REMEMBER HOW YOU GOT FROM THE UTOPIAN PARALLEL DOWN TO THAT BEACH WHERE THE SANTANAS FOUND YOU?
...WHEN A CHILD EXPERIENCES TRAUMA... THEY OFTEN CREATE FANTASIES TO MAKE SENSE OF THINGS.
KEEP IN MIND, TO HER, THESE "STORIES" ARE REAL.
ISN'T AMERICA A LITTLE *OLD* FOR THIS KIND OF MAKE-BELIEVE?
WHAT DO YOU KNOW ABOUT AMERICA'S EARLY CHILDHOOD?
WAS THERE... ABUSE?
WE DON'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT THAT TIME IN HER LIFE.
"OR ANYTHING ABOUT HER BIOLOGICAL FAMILY...
"WHAT I WANNA KNOW IS--WHY IS THIS ALL HAPPENING NOW?"

"REPRESSED TRAUMAS ARISE WHEN THEY'RE READY TO BE DEALT WITH."
"JUST TELL US HOW WE CAN HELP."
"SHE NEEDS LOVE AND SUPPORT."
DIOS MIO...
"AMERICA! POR FIN!"

Washington Heights. Now.
AY, MIJA, WHEN THEY TOLD ME YOU WERE HERE, I COULDN'T BELIEVE IT!
YOU OWE ME UN MILLON DE HUGS!
GOOD TO SEE YOU, TÍA MARTA.
OYE, SUPERSTAR! THOUGHT YOU FORGOT ABOUT US!
MAYBE YOU, TÍO, BUT NEVER YOUR ARROZ CON GANDULES.
LOOKIN' SHARP, CUZ.
YOU TOO, JULIA.
OH MY GOD, BERTO... I STILL CAN'T GET OVER JJ.
HI.
WHO IS YOU?
I'M YOUR TÍA, LITTLE MAN.


HE COULDN'T EVEN TALK LAST TIME I SAW HIM.
A LOT CAN CHANGE IN A COUPLE OF YEARS.
AMERICA, WE NEED TO TALK ABOUT THAT NOTE.
WHAT NOTE, MAMI?
OH, SHE DIDN'T TELL YOU?
I KNEW THIS WOULD HAPPEN ONE DAY. THAT WE'D PAY THE PRICE FOR THE LIFE YOU LEAD.
WHOEVER WAS MESSING WITH OUR BLOCK? THEY DID IT TO GET AMERICA'S ATTENTION.
AMERICA, I NEED TO CHECK ON THE BODEGA. WANT TO TAKE A WALK?
SHE ALWAYS DID LOVE PATROLLING THE NEIGHBORHOOD...

I SWEAR I DON'T HAVE THE MONEY...
MENTIROSO!
--AHEM.
HEY, CAMILO. BEEN A WHILE.
Washington Heights. Six years ago.
AMERICA? SINCE WHEN CAN YOU...
...FLY?
LONG STORY. ONE SEC.
POW
GUYS LIKE YOU--
WHAM
--GIVE OUR NEIGHBORHOOD A BAD NAME.
EXCUSE ME, MISS?
DO YOUR PARENTS KNOW WHERE YOU ARE RIGHT NOW?


I USED TO LOVE THOSE SOUR GUMMIES.
EVERYTHING STILL LOOKS EXACTLY THE SAME.
I'LL TAKE THAT AS A COMPLIMENT.
YOU KNOW...
...WE'VE MISSED YOU AROUND HERE.
YOU AND THE REST OF THE FAM HAVE THIS PLACE COVERED.
YOU DON'T NEED ME.
I WASN'T TALKING ABOUT THE STORE, AMERICA.
I KNOW WE'RE PART OF WHY YOU LEFT. WE COULD HAVE DONE BETTER.
AND IF I HAD SOME SUPER-POWERED TIME MACHINE...
...I WOULD GO BACK AND CHANGE THINGS.
BUT YOU DON'T HAVE A TIME MACHINE.
MIND IF I CHECK THIS?

MAYBE WHOEVER PUT UP THAT FORCE-FIELD CAME IN FOR A COLA AND SOME CHICHARRONES.
VILLAINS SNACK TOO, YOU KNOW.
AND I'M BETTING THIS VILLAIN KNEW WHO OWNS THE PLACE.
SIGH.
ALWAYS ON THE CLOCK... GO AHEAD, MIJA.
WEIRD... YOU REMEMBER THIS CUSTOMER?
YOU KNOW HOW MANY PEOPLE COME IN HERE IN ONE DAY?
THEY WERE STANDING THERE FOR LIKE AN HOUR.
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OKAY, THAT DOESN'T LOOK LIKE AN ACCIDENT...
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WHATEVER IT IS, I THINK THEY LEFT IT ON PURPOSE.
WHAT ARE THEY?
INDIGO LAKES
I'LL BE BACK SOON.
YOU JUST GOT HERE-- YOU'RE LEAVING ALREADY?
WE'RE SORRY, OFFICER THOMPSON. IT WON'T HAPPEN AGAIN.
THAT'S WHAT YOU SAID THE LAST TWO TIMES...
LET'S HOPE THIRD TIME'S A CHARM.
SLAM

NENA, PERO ESTAS LOCA?
WHAT DID WE TELL YOU ABOUT SNEAKING OUT?
REMEMBER, AMERICA--
--PEOPLE WHO LOOK LIKE US NEED TO KEEP OUR HEADS DOWN. PLAY BY THE RULES.
WE CAN'T AFFORD TO STICK OUT.
YOU'RE LUCKY OFFICER THOMPSON IS A DECENT MAN. MOST COPS WOULDN'T GO SO EASY ON YOU--
MOST COPS DON'T GIVE A CRAP ABOUT THIS NEIGHBORHOOD OR ANYONE IN IT.
THAT'S WHY I NEED TO BE OUT THERE! HELPING PEOPLE.
AND YEAH, I DO STICK OUT.
AND NOT JUST BECAUSE I CAN DO THINGS OTHER PEOPLE CAN'T.
AMERICA, WE LOVE EVERY PART OF YOU.
BUT PLAYING VIGILANTE DOESN'T JUST PUT YOU AT RISK.
IT PUTS US ALL IN DANGER.
MY MOMS WOULD GET WHAT I'M DOING.
THEY'RE MY REAL FAMILY ANYWAY...

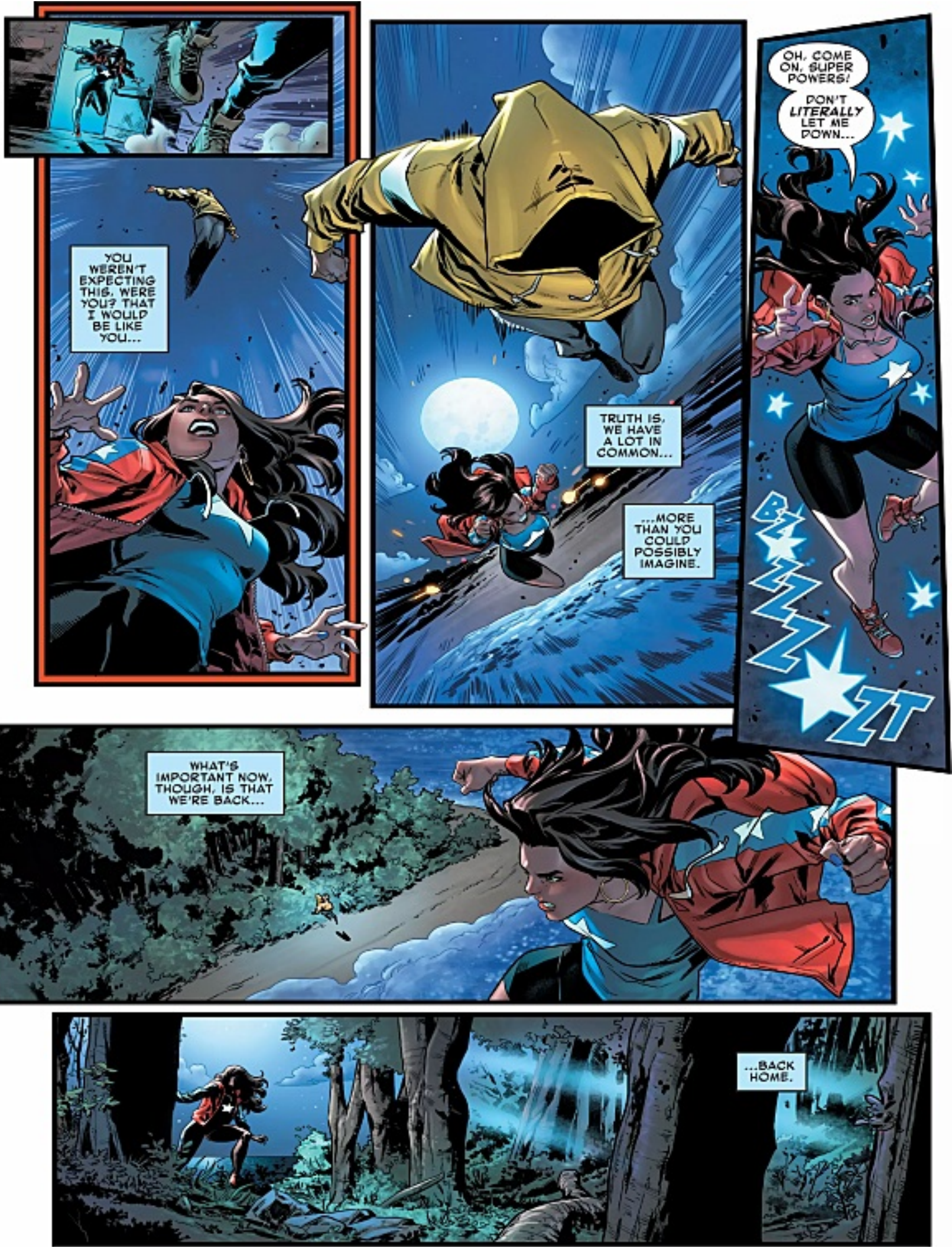
Jones Beach. Now.
I DUNNO, KATE...
...THIS WHOLE PRIVATE EYE THING? NOT MY STRONG SUIT.
YOU'RE DOING GREAT! LOOK AT YOU, FOLLOWING UP ON CLUES.
BY THE WAY, HOW COME YOU NEVER TOLD ME ABOUT THE SANTANAS--?
TECHNICALLY THIS IS MORE OF A BREAD CRUMB THAN A CLUE, RIGHT?
El Diablo
TACOS
...IF THERE IS A TRAP, I'M SURE YOU'LL--
HOLY COW, THIS SALSA... NUCLEAR HABANERO IS RIGHT.
SINCE WHOEVER PITCHED THE TOKENS PROBABLY WANTS ME TO BE DOING EXACTLY WHAT I'M DOING RIGHT NOW?
A) DON'T CHANGE THE SUBJECT.
AND B...
HORCHATA ALWAYS HELPS.
LET ME CALL YOU BACK.

INDIGO LANES ARCADE
WHOEVER YOU ARE...
...YOU SHOULD KNOW I'M NOT INTERESTED IN PLAYING GAMES.

AY, QUE BONITO!
THIS NIÑO WILL BE A METS FAN. FORGET LOS YANKEES.
HE MIGHT LOOK LIKE HIS GRANDPA--DOESN'T MEAN HE NEEDS TO ROOT FOR THE SAME TEAM...
THANK YOU, PRIMA JULIA! IT'S SO CUTE.
WHAT CAN I SAY--GOOD FASHION SENSE IS IN OUR BLOOD.
SORRY I'M LATE...
NO OFFENSE, SIS, BUT HAVE YOU BEEN DUMPSTER DIVING?
AS IT TURNS OUT-- DOMINICAN SPIRIT LARVAE? LOVE NESTING IN GARBAGE.
Washington Heights. Three years ago.
EW.
I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU WERE OUT THERE AGAIN. FIGHTING--
YOU MEAN BEING A HERO--
YOU CAN'T KEEP DOING THIS, AMERICA. DISAPPEARING ON US.
YOU KNOW HOW WORRIED WE WERE ABOUT YOU?

YOU'RE ONLY THINKING OF *YOURSELF*.
I THINK ABOUT *EVERYBODY*. THAT'S WHAT HEROES DO.
EVERYBODY BUT THIS FAMILY.
AFTER EVERYTHING WE SACRIFICED FOR YOU--
CECI, THAT'S ENOUGH--
I NEVER *ASKED* YOU TO SACRIFICE *ANYTHING* FOR ME.
MAMITA, PLEASE. YOU'RE OUR DAUGHTER.
WE DON'T WANT YOU TO GET HURT.
MAYBE YOU'RE TAKING THIS SUPER HERO THING TOO FAR, SIS.
IF YOU WANT TO BE PART OF THIS FAMILY, YOU NEED TO START ACTING MORE RESPONSIBLY--
EVERYBODY KEEPS TALKING ABOUT WHO JJ IS GONNA LOOK LIKE OR BE LIKE, WHAT HE'S GONNA INHERIT FROM WHO.
HE'LL BE *BORN* A SANTANA. BUT ME--I HAVE A CHOICE.
AND IF I HAVE TO CHOOSE BETWEEN BEING ONE OF YOU AND BEING WHO I REALLY AM...
...BEING WHO MY MOMS WOULD WANT ME TO BE...
...WELL THEN, THAT'S EASY.

"FROM NOW ON, I'M AMERICA CHAVEZ. AMERICA SANTANA NEVER EVEN EXISTED."
CONGRATULATIONS, AMERICA. YOU FOUND ME.
I JUST HOPE YOU'RE READY...
...BECAUSE YOUR WORLD IS ABOUT TO TURN UPSIDE DOWN.
HEY! WHO ARE YOU? WHAT DO YOU WANT?
TRUST ME, YOU DON'T WANT TO DO THIS!


YOU WEREN'T EXPECTING THIS, WERE YOU? THAT I WOULD BE LIKE YOU...
TRUTH IS, WE HAVE A LOT IN COMMON...
...MORE THAN YOU COULD POSSIBLY IMAGINE.
OH, COME ON, SUPER POWERS!
DON'T LITERALLY LET ME DOWN...
BZZZZT
WHAT'S IMPORTANT NOW, THOUGH, IS THAT WE'RE BACK...
...BACK HOME.

CLIK
NOT THAT YOU'LL REMEMBER THAT'S WHERE WE ARE.
BUT YOU WILL...
WELCOME BACK TO THE UTOPIAN PARALLEL.
TO BE CONTINUED...

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